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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, SF

SUBJ: SASO/BPC TRIAL RESUMES

REF: PRETORIA 1406 (NOTAL)

1. TRIAL OF THIRTEEN SASO/BPC MEMBERS CHARGED UNDER
TERRORISM ACT (REFTEL) RESUMED IN PRETORIA SUPREME COURT MAY 5.
DEFENSE BROUGHT APPLICATION TO COMPEL STATE TO PROVIDE FURTHER
PARTICULARS ON CHARGES, ARGUING THAT LACK OF INFORMATION PRE-
JUDICED DEFENSE OF ACCUSED. ARGUMENT TO CONTINUE THROUGH MAY 6.

2. DEFENSE LAWYERS TOLD EMBOFF THEY FEEL RELUCTANCE TO
PROVIDE PARTICULARS REFLECTS WEAKNESS OF PROSECUTION'S CASE. BY
COMPELLING STATE TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS, DEFENSE HOPES THAT
PROSECUTION WILL BE OBLIGED TO DROP SOME CHARGES. IF REQUESTED
INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED, DEFENSE WILL MOVE TO HAVE INDICTMENT
QUASHED.

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3. PRESENT AS OBSERVERS AT TRIAL IN ADDITION TO EMBOFFS WERE
REPRESENTATIVES FROM AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH, CANADIAN, DUTCH, AND
ITALIAN EMBASSIES. SEATED AT DEFENSE BENCHES WERE ONSERVERS FROM
AMERICAN LAWYERS COMMITTEE AND INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF
JURISTS.

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